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In re Application of: ERIC M. BREITUNG., ET AL

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Title: DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR PECVD POWERED ELECTRODE

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTIONAssistant Commissioner for Patents,
Alexandria, VA 22313

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In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-14, for examination on the merits. The traverse is on two grounds. First, Applicant submits that the claims in the instant invention are so interrelated that Groups I, II, and III each require a search of the same technical arts. Thus, Applicant further submits that the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, even if the Examiner maintains that it includes claims to distinct and independent inventions (kindly see MPEP 803). Second, if the first ground is disputed, Applicant requests rejoinder of any of the method claims of Group III (claims 19-31) of equal or narrower scope to any allowed apparatus claim, as provided in MPEP 821.04.

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